GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Sick Animals
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to entrust injured and sick wild animals and their offsprings to the care of animal lover or to rescue centres run by Non- Governmental Organizations;
(b) if so, the details of thereof;
(c) the details of the guidelines issued or proposed to be issued in this regard; and
(d) the number of animals rescued/ rehabilitated during the last two years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)&(b) No sir, The Government of India has no proposal to entrust injured and sick wild animals and their offspring to the care of animal lovers or rescue centres run by Non- Governmental Organizations. However the Central Zoo Authority had granted recognition under Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to six Rescue Centres at Anantapuram in Andhra Pradesh, Bengaluru in Karnataka, Wardha in Maharashtra, Pinjore & Guru gram in Haryana, and Agra in Uttar Pradesh respectively operated by the Non-Governmental Organizations that are taking care of injured and sick wild animals.

(c) Sir, the Rescue Centre comes under the definition of zoo by an amendment" to the Section 2 (39) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 since 01.04.2003. The guidelines for scientific management of zoos are applicable to Rescue Centres as well.

(d) Details of animals acquired and disposed by rescue centres in the country recognized under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as on 31.03.2016 is annexed.

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